

University of Dayton eCommons

News Releases

Marketing and Communications

8-19-2004

UD Named One of Best Catholic National Universities, According to New 'America's Best Colleges'

Follow this and additional works at: https://ecommons.udayton.edu/news_rls

Recommended Citation

"UD Named One of Best Catholic National Universities, According to New 'America's Best Colleges'" (2004). *News Releases*. 9737.
https://ecommons.udayton.edu/news_rls/9737

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Marketing and Communications at eCommons. It has been accepted for inclusion in News Releases by an authorized administrator of eCommons. For more information, please contact frice1@udayton.edu, mschlangen1@udayton.edu.

7JACD



Aug. 19, 2004
Contact: Teri Rizvi
rizvi@udayton.edu

NEWS RELEASE

(Editor's Note: The rankings are embargoed until 12:01 a.m. (EST) on Friday, Aug. 20.)

UD NAMED ONE OF BEST CATHOLIC NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES, ACCORDING TO NEW 'AMERICA'S BEST COLLEGES'

DAYTON, Ohio — The University of Dayton continues to be ranked among the 10 best Catholic national universities and has broken into the top 100 among all national universities, according to the new issue of "America's Best Colleges" from *U.S. News and World Report*.

UD jumped to seventh place among national Catholic universities and tied for the 98 spot overall with seven other universities. In 2003, UD ranked ninth among Catholic national universities and tied for 107.

"We have built a strong foundation of academic excellence at the University of Dayton, and our reputation is growing — evidenced by record applications for the first-year class and record sponsored research dollars," said Daniel J. Curran, president. "We're pleased that we continue to be recognized as one of the nation's truly outstanding Catholic universities. More importantly, our small class sizes and excellent retention and graduation rates reflect our strong commitment to students. The generosity of our alumni ranks among the best in the nation when compared to our Catholic peers."

Among the Catholic national universities above UD in the rankings, only the University of Notre Dame and Georgetown University boast a higher average alumni giving rate. Also among that group, UD has the second fewest large classes, with only 2 percent of classes having 50 or more students. Only Fordham University had fewer large classes, at 1 percent.

-over-

OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
300 College Park Dayton, Ohio 45469-1679
(937) 229-3241 (937) 229-3063 Fax
www.udayton.edu

UD also scored high in retention rate (88 percent) and graduation rate (76 percent).

This is the third year that UD has been ranked among these 248 peer schools, which offer a wide range of undergraduate majors as well as master's and doctoral degrees. Many of the schools strongly emphasize research.

Criteria used in the rankings include peer assessment, graduation and retention ranks, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving rates. UD officials urge prospective students to use ratings to narrow their choices, but highly recommend that they visit campus before making a final selection.

The top 10 national Catholic universities include:

- 1) University of Notre Dame
- 2) Georgetown University
- 3) Boston College
- 4) Fordham University
- 5) St. Louis University
- 6) Marquette University
- 7) University of Dayton
- 8) Catholic University of America, Loyola University Chicago, University of San Francisco (three-way tie)